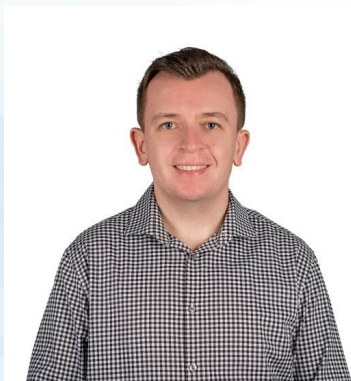


Neurorights for Digital Minds?



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This lecture explores how we may permissibly treat artificial sentient beings, challenging the assumption that the power to create grants an open-ended license to modify them at will. Once a sentient artificial being exists, it possesses a standing of its own, meaning it should generally be left as it is. Interventions require strict justifications—such as protecting others from harm—and must target specific dangers rather than reshaping the being wholesale. Consent could widen this space, though genuine consent from an artificial subject remains a difficult question. Crucially, any permissible modification must preserve psychological continuity, as a breach of it amounts to the elimination of the subject. Ultimately, becoming a sentient individual entails a claim against radical alteration. This claim can be understood as a form of neuroright for digital minds, protecting their mental integrity against unwanted interference.

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- Online attendance: Registration required

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